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| <u>Foreign Patent Document</u> | <u>Publication Date</u> | <u>Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document</u> |
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| EP 0655516 | 05-31-1995 | Harth et al. |
| JP 03-115578 | 05-16-1991 | Notomi et al. |
| JP 6000365 | 01-11-1994 | Uchiyama et al. |
| JP 6228739 | 08-16-1994 | Okazaki et al. |
| JP 07328427 | 12-19-1995 | Sawada et al. |

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Explanation of Relevance

JP 03115578

The relevancy of this document as presently understood is obtained from the English language abstract which indicates that this document discloses a method for coating powder particles with the compound of the metal of a metal halide and nitrogen element by supplying metal halide vapor and gaseous nitrogen into a heat resistant tube generated by plasma and further supplying the powder particles thereto.

JP 6000365

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a process to continuously plasma-treat a large quantity of powder by coaxially pivoting a metallic inner cylinder and a metallic outer cylinder with the inner surface lined with a dielectric to form a fixed gap between both cylinders, inclining the rotating cylinders and impressing a voltage between both cylinders to produce atmospheric-pressure plasma. The powder, which is the material to be treated, is moved in the gap and continuously plasma treated.

JP 6228739

The relevancy of this document as presently understood is obtained from the English language abstract which indicates that this document discloses a method and device to surface-treat a powder by gas-floating the powder with a rare gas or a mixture of the rare gas and gaseous reactant and generating an atmospheric-pressure glow discharge to treat the powder with plasma.

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Respectfully submitted

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